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Presidents' Letters

The new year promises to be one of growth for The New England College of Optometry. In 1998 the College will complete the long awaited renovation of the library building, begin a multi-year initiative in China for the advancement of optometry in that country, and complete the important Massachusetts' alumni component of the *2000 In Sight* Campaign.

With respect to the renovation of the library building, the College completed architectural work in November and bid the project in December. Construction will begin in Febtuary and is scheduled for completion in September. The project will involve the total restoration and preservation of the existing library, one of the finest examples of late 19th century architecture in the Back Bay. The renovated spaces will house a new library facility, computer learning center, cafeteria, and faculty and administrative offices. The project promises dramatic enrichment of our present academic buildings. You should plan a visit next fall.

Dr. **David Heath**, Dean of Academic Affairs, has developed a strategic plan for expanding eye care services in the People's Republic of China. This five-year plan, to be kicked off in 1998, calls for the development of a core of six optometry departments in existing medical schools in China by the year 2003. This project will be funded by members of the ophthalmic industry which have corporate interests in China. The fiscal scope of this project, $2.5 million, promises to be the largest non-government sponsored initiative in the history of the College.

The *2000 In Sight* Campaign has reached the halfway mark. Over $5 million has been raised in gifts, pledges, and bequests since 1994. This campaign, the largest fundraising effort conducted by the College, is supporting the renovation and equipping of our new library, developing new sources of financial aid, and underwriting critical advancements in our educational programs. Last year, separate campaigns in Maine and Rhode Island secured over $240,000 in new gifts and pledges. This year, the campaign will come to Massachusetts under the chairmanship of Dr. **Hyman Kamens**, Dean of Alumni Development. The goal will be to raise $1 million from alumni residing in Massachusetts, and will be guided by our new Chief Development Officer, Ms. **Nancy Haverstock**.

As always, our goals are advanced by alumni who give back to their alma mater, alumni who invest time and money in this nation's oldest college of optometry, and in turn assist future generations of optometrists. This year will be no different. I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Dr. Larry Clausen
President

What fun the Third Annual Alumni Dinner was! Expecting to spend a rather dull evening fulfilling an obligation, I was pleasantly surprised by a very good time. The food and company (and they say we optometrists are dull) were terrific. The slides of life at the College 25 years ago were great. **Steve Byrnes** '77, interpreted by **Phil Savage** '77 (you had to be there, see photo in Class Notes), had us all in stitches with his hilarious, but poignant presentation of **Barbara Caffery's** '77, Distinguished Service Award.

Attended by over 80 alumni, the dinner was a piece of what I envision for the Alumni Association; camaraderie and sharing in the vision of our alma mater's future. We are the bridge between the college's past and future, a resource both financial and philosophical.

It was a reunion year for the classes of '47, '72, '77, '87, and '92. We honored three Alumni at the dinner. **Glenda Denham** '77, 1997 Alumna of the Year, who in her 20 years of private practice in Boulder, Colorado, has taken the time to participate in over 30 VOSH trips. **Nancy Carlson** '77, 1997 Distinguished Service Award, who in her 20 years of teaching has co-written the bible of clinical procedures in optometry, and guided many students through their educational process. **Barbara Caffery** '77, 1997 Distinguished Service Award recipient, who in her 20 years of private practice in Toronto, Canada, has lectured internationally on dry eye, served on national and international committees, and set a tone of excellence in her professional endeavors.

We are lucky to have these individuals in our ranks. There are others who deserve our thanks and recognition. I hope you'll start thinking now about who should be honored next year and send your suggestions. The Alumni Board has been brainstorming for meaningful ways to draw more alumni into the association and we welcome your input.

Finally, I regret to report that **Kerry Campbell** left her position as Director of Alumni Affairs in October. We will miss her. Her assistance to the Alumni Association was invaluable. We wish her all the best.

At the same time, I am pleased to announce **Lauretta Woods** as Kerry's replacement. Many of you already know Lauretta who has been the Assistant in the Alumni and Development Offices for the past two years. I welcome her to her new role and look forward to building a team for the future of alumni relations.

Lynn Wittman can be reached by e-mail at lw318@aol.com.

Dr. Lynn Wittman '76
Alumni Association President

Faculty News

The Boston Globe

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

Blurry-eyed

Mather Project Front Page News

The College sponsored Mather Project was featured on the front page of the *Boston Globe* in a November cover story on "Undetected Vision Troubles and Learning". The article emphasized Project Coordinator, Dr. **Antonia Orfield's** call for better vision screening for school age children. The article highlighted the progress of a nine-year old boy, who was diagnosed and treated for vision problems at the Mather School, and is now attending advanced work classes. The Mather School project has been underwritten through the generous support of the State Street Foundation, Friends of the Sensorially Deprived, and the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists for the past two years.

For copies of the Boston Globe article or more information on The Mather Project, contact Dr. Orfield at 617/868-8742.

The COMET has Arrived! Participants Needed

Many of you have undoubtedly heard something about the Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET). COMET is one of the College's newest research endeavors. Professor **Jane Gwiazda** is the national study chair. Professor **Daniel Kurtz** '82 and the Marcus Professor of Pediatric Studies, **Bruce Moore** '75 are the COMET investigators in Boston. Robert Owens of South Boston is the COMET optician, backed up by Theresa Dodson, an optician and an optometry student from the class of 1999.

Officially:

"The COMET is a multicenter clinical trial that will compare changes in myopia (nearsightedness) in two groups of children. One group will wear single vision lenses and the other will wear progressive addition lenses. Both kinds of glasses are commonly used. This important study is sponsored by the National Eye Institute, a division of the Federal Government's National Institutes of Health."

Our success depends on a number of factors. Our most immediate challenge is the recruitment of participants. If you know of children ages 6 to 11 who have 1.25 to 4.50 (spherical equivalent) diopters of myopia with less than 1.50 astigmatism in both eyes, no strabismus or chronic health problems, and will commit to COMET for at least three years, please ask them to call Sheila Martin, the Clinic Coordinator, at 617/369-0178 to arrange a free eye exam to see if they are eligible.

Because COMET is tax-supported, participating children will receive free eye exams at our Beacon Street facility and free eyeglasses, including recreational spectacles if they participate in sports, for the duration of the study. Our goal is only 113 youngsters, so the impact on area practices should be minimal.

The success of COMET will reflect favorably on the profession of optometry and the College community. Thank you in advance for your help.

To contact the COMET staff you may e-mail Dr. Gwiazda at gwiazdaj@ne-optometry.edu.

The Association of School & Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) Committees

This year, The New England College of Optometry will be well represented on various ASCO committees. **Larry Clausen**, President, will serve as Chair of the Residency Affairs Committee and as a member of the Financial Affairs Committee. **David Heath** '83, Dean of Academic Affairs, has been appointed Co-Chair of the Task Force on Curriculum/Entry Level Optometry. **Douglas Hoffman** '80, Director of Residencies, will be on the Residency Affairs Committee, and will chair the Standardization of Residency Titles Task Force. **Roger Wilson** '80 , Director of External Clinics, will be Chair of the Total Quality Education

Committee. **Nancy Carlson** '77, Chief of Services at the New England Eye Institute, has been appointed to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Task Force.

Faculty and Residents Head-Line NE Chapter of the AAO Fall Program

Over 40 participants at the fall meeting of the New England Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry were treated to a diverse program presented by faculty and residents of The New England College of Optometry. The meeting was held on October 22, 1997, another perfect fall day, at the old American Optical facilities in Southbridge, Massachusetts. The following presenters delivered papers on the listed topics:

Frank Thorn '79, Professor of Vision Science.
Refractive Error of Amazon Stone Age Natives

Christine Wildsoet, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pharmacology.
Update on Glaucoma Medications and Therapies

Gerald Selvin '73, Clinical Preceptor.
Neuro-Optometry Grand Rounds

Paul Levine '97, Resident in Primary Care Opromerry with **Erik Weissberg** '97, Resident in Pediatric Optometry.
Inaccuracies in Near Visual Acuity Measurements

Walter Potaznick '76 Associate Professor of Optometry.
Flying High in South Africa - Vision Care Services in the Northern Cape Province

Presentations took the form of formal research, informal anecdotal stories, some fascinating native, wildlife and landscape photography and lively audience participation. Alumni interested in attending or presenting papers at any of the chapter's meetings (typically one in the fall and one in the spring) should contact either **Victor Finnemore** '69, Chapter Chair, at 617-426-0370 or **Walter Potaznick**, Program Chair, at 617-236-6262. Papers can be from 20 minutes to one hour in length on any topic with direct, theoretical or future application to clinical optometry. Participants and presenters do not have to be American Academy of Optometry membets. Massachusetts (and other local states) continuing education credits are provided.

Frank Thorn'79 and the Chief of the Daw Tribe in the Upper Amazon Basin.

Indian patients from the town of Sao Gabriel waiting to be examined by Dr. Thorn.

Faculty News (cont.)

The New England College of Optometry's Partnership with China

A delegation of officials of the Ministry of Public Health of the People's Republic of China (PRC) visited the College from August 8 - 12, 1997. This distinguished group was led by the Ministry's Deputy Director General, Xu Guihua, M.D., accompanied by Dr. Qu Jia, Vice-President of Wenzhou Medical College. In addition to briefings at the College, the team visited the Dimock Community Health Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury.

The visit of this prominent delegation reflects the emergence of The New England College of Optometry as a key partner in the effort to develop the profession of optometry in the People's Republic of China. The delegation's mission was to explore the educational, professional and governmental mechanisms used in the United States to assure a high and consistent level of eye care service. In particular, the PRC is exploring how to upgrade standards to control and credential an expanding number of providers in China. Adding to this challenge is the fact that, in China, professional training varies considerably. This discrepancy in standards of practice, coupled with the expanding consumer demand for contact lenses, presents a significant challenge for Chinese authorities responsible for ensuring the delivery of safe and high quality eye care. The College's contribution will be a critical resource to central government authorities.

The College's Center for the International Advancement of Optometry served as the delegation's official United States host, while the trip was underwritten by Bausch & Lomb. The delegation also visited the schools of optometry at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Houston, and traveled to Washington, DC to meet with Norman Wallis, O.D., Ph.D., Executive Director of the National Board of Examiners and officials of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

The continuing international exchange of scholars, faculty and staff in regard to the development of optometric education in China make 424 Beacon an obligatory stop for visiting Chinese health care professionals.

For more information on the College's Center for International Advancement, contact Dr. Rodney Hinkle at 617/236-6348, or e-mail hinkler@ne-optometry.edu.

President Larry Clausen with Guihua Xu.

College News

New Chief Development Officer

The New England College of Optometry is pleased to announce that **Nancy Haverstock** joined the College's management team as Chief Development Officer, on September 2, 1997. Before joining the College, Ms. Haverstock served as senior development consultant at Wheelock College. Prior to that she was the chief development officer for Framingham State College, where she initiated and managed a comprehensive program of institutional advancement and fundraising.

Nancy Haverstock

Ms. Haverstock has more than 16 years of development and alumni relations experience. She began her career as assistant director of annual giving at Northeastern University, served as director of the annual fund for Bryant College and has consulted with numerous non-profit organizations.

Ms. Haverstock holds a B.S. degree from Indiana State University and a M.S. degree from Emerson College. Her professional activities include membership in the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, Women in Development, The New England Development Research Association, and the Planned Giving Group of New England. She serves on the Board of Womankind in Wayland, Massachusetts.

New Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations

Lauretta Woods has been promoted to Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations. Ms. Woods is well known to many alumni since she joined the College two years ago and held the position of Assistant to the Alumni and Development Offices. Ms. Woods' previous experience includes 18 years of non-profit work including the Pine Street Inn and other organizations where she was responsible for managing fundraising, public relations, and membership campaigns. Ms. Woods completed her Bachelors degree at the State University of New York at Albany and has continued her studies at Harvard and Northeastern University. Ms. Woods is looking forward to the transition and plans to enhance alumni programs and increase participation in alumni activities.

Lauretta Woods

William Hanway Fills New Position As Director of Information Technology

William Hanway joined the College this past October as a new member of the Business and Finance Department. As Director of Information Technology, Mr. Hanway will manage all phases of the College's computing systems and provide leadership in the development of computer systems policies and procedures.

Mr. Hanway has held systems management positions at institutions of higher education since 1979. For the past decade, he served as manager of computing services for Brown University. His prior experience includes similar positions with the development departments at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Boston University.

New Library Director Appointed

The New England College of Optometry is pleased to announce that **Brenda Collins**, M.L.S., has accepted the position of Ditector of Library Services. Ms. Collins received her M.L.S. from the State University of New York at Albany and completed a Medical Library Traineeship at the Mayo Clinic. She subsequently has worked in several medical libraries including the University of Kansas Medical Center, the Paul Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library of George Washington University and the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. In her most recent position at the Harvard Medical School's Countway Library, Ms. Collins has served in several capacities including information resoutce and development specialist, collection development librarian and planning and analysis librarian.

Brenda Collins

Ms. Collins brings a wealth of experience and new energies to the College as we begin the construction of the new library and implement new technologies for the delivery of library and information services.

Student News

New Programs for Students

Dean of Students Sponsors First-Year Student Retreat

By the time members of the Class of 2001 attended their first class in September, they had met their classmates and knew their names and faces. The class had been briefed by Departmental Chairs, administrators and staff in regard to academic expectations and the myriad of experiences they would encounter as students.

Dr. Raymond Dye, Dean of Student Affairs and his staff created and organized the event. The Student Affairs staff is committed to the belief that academic success is influenced by such non-academic variables as life skills, attitudes, and values. The primary goals of the retreat were to promote bonding among and between faculty, staff and students; to help students gain insight into the curriculum and what to expect over the next four years; to acquaint students with the profession and the modes of practice available to them upon graduation; to administer the Hippocratic Oath; and to gain insight as to the ethical meaning of being a health care provider. These goals were accomplished through small group discussions, lectures, and a series of engaging activities. As a result, the Class of 2001 started the quarter with a wellspring of knowledge and preparedness.

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Student Affairs expects the retreat will become an annual introductory event for all future first year students.

Alumni News

14th Annual Dr. Foster Namias Scholarship Golf Tournament Sept. 29, 1997

This year's golf tournament was truly an event for the golf enthusiast. After a delayed start due to inclement weather, nearly 100 golfers set out on the rolling hills of the Marlborough Country Club course for the game and "catching up" with their colleagues.

After a round of golf, all golfers met at the clubhouse for dinner, awards and raffle prizes. The participants were joined by Foster Namias's family: daughters, June Namias and Barbara Namias Meltzer and her husband and their sons, Jeff and Stephen.

The tournament, started in 1983, raises much needed scholarship aid for deserving students. The fees, tee poster and student sponsorships from this year's tournament totaled $17,000. We appreciate the support and participation of the following:

Tee Poster Sponsors:

- ✔ Bausch & Lomb
- ✔ DiMella Shaffer and Associates, Inc.
- ✔ Ciba Vision Corporation
- ✔ Eagle Vision
- ✔ Gangi Printing
- ✔ Lombart Instrument Co.
- ✔ Marchon Eyewear
- ✔ Massachusetts Society of Optometrists
- ✔ The Alumni Association
- ✔ College Faculty
- ✔ New England Council of Optometrists
- ✔ State Street Bank
- ✔ State Street Health Care/Nonprofits
- ✔ Tracey Medical Products
- ✔ Vistakon

Student Sponsors:

- ✔ Cotting School
- ✔ Cynthia Macdonald, Esq. *(2 students)*
- ✔ Hunt & Hulteen, Inc.
- ✔ Dr. June Namias
- ✔ Joseph Reilly Trust
- ✔ Roblin Insurance Agency
- ✔ **Neil Schram** '71
- ✔ **Mary Scott** '68
- ✔ **Irwin Shwom** '80.

Thank you!

Prizes for the tournament were donated by the following:

- ✔ Bausch & Lomb
- ✔ James Devaney Fuel
- ✔ Eagle Vision
- ✔ Foundation for Education
- ✔ **Morton Greendorfer** '55
- ✔ **Monthe Kofos** '43
- ✔ **Samuel Kornblatt** '61
- ✔ Marchon Eyewear
- ✔ Marcolin
- ✔ Marlborough Country Club
- ✔ Dr. June Namias
- ✔ Nassau Optical
- ✔ Ocular Science
- ✔ Optech
- ✔ Savio
- ✔ Savvy
- ✔ Silver Dollar
- ✔ Swank Optical
- ✔ 20/20 Optical

Golf scores were as follows: The men's Low Gross score was a tie between **Robert North** '62, and **Bruce Kirn** '66, with a 76, followed by **Peter Cerruti** '67, with a score of 77. The Low Calloway Net first place went to **Nick Kofos** '85, with a 62. The longest drive was swung by Fred Moffa '95. Women's Low Gross winner was Tara Zidonik, and Low Net went to Jody Johnson.

Many thanks to **Monthe Kofos**'43 for his spirited efforts organizing the tournament for the past 14 years.

Third Annual Alumni Weekend

Amid two days of continuing education programs, preparations for TPA examinations, and reunions for the classes of '47, 72, '77, '87, and '92, this year's Alumni weekend was full of activity.

The Alumni Association's Annual meeting commenced with the Alumni Dinner and the presentation of Alumna of the Year Award to **Glenda Denham** '77, and the shared Distinguished Service Awards to: **Nancy Carlson** '77, and **Barbara Caffery**'77. For more detailed backgrounds on the award recipients see Class Notes.

Alumni Dinner

Dr. and Mrs. Belhumeur '80.

Alumni Weekend

Kenneth Landry '47 and son, and Hyman Kamens '47.

Class of 1972

Class of 1972 reunion dinner.

Class of 1977

Class of 1977 reunion dinner.

Class of 1977

Reunioners Steve Byrnes and Philip Savage from the class of 1977 had a particularly festive time during the alumni dinner.

Class of 1976

Walter Potaznick, Lynn Wittman, Thomas Freddo and Kenneth Begun.

Class Notes

1930's

David Blanchard '32: Margate, FL; is enjoying retirement with wife Phyllis. David has 6 grandchildren.

David Berlowitz '36: Casselberry, FL; David and his wife Rose celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. David has two daughters, Nancy and Judith, and 4 grandchildren. David is the past president of the Maine Optometric Association. He sends a special hello to all his classmates.

Marion Fortin Morphy '38: Boca Raton, FL; Marion remarried in August 1996.

1940's

Lewis Beckwith '41: Englewood, NJ; retired after 55 years of practice. This year Lewis celebrates 54 years of marriage. Lewis has recently been on trips to Europe and Turkey. He keeps in touch with Herb Greenblatt '41.

Herbert Iventash '42: Providence, RI; Herbert arranged his 55th class reunion in Newport, RI. He is a certified official for the USA Track & Field team.

Jerome Roberts '43: Lexington, MA; has been in private practice since 1951. Jerome stills keeps contact with classmates Irving Fradkin, Sumner Bloom, Robert Kraus, and Joseph McDemott.

David Yorra '47: Boca Raton, FL; established a retirement community development company which he operated until his own retirement 5 years ago.

Murray Gollinger '49: West Haven, CT; Retired in 1990. His son, David '81, and son-in-law, Norman '72 are both optometrists.

Richard Snow '49: Rockland, ME; retired since 1983. Richard resides in Tampa Bay, Florida during the winter. He is busy helping as a volunteer in the eye care clinic at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center. Richard enjoys windjammer sailing.

1950's

Egon Werthamer '50: Pikesville, MD; Egon is practicing part-time in Baltimore, MD and is hoping to retire this year. Egon is the secretary of Vision Care of the American Public Health Association secretary of NAPO, and member of the AOA's Commission on Ophthalmic Standards.

Mel Kranseler '50: Palm Desert, CA; enjoying retirement.

Richard Land '50: Cranston, RI; Richard is a practicing diagnostic radiologist and is directing practices in two community hospitals, as well as a private office. He is also teaching at Brown University Medical School and at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Leonard Zuckerbraun '52: Preston, CT; Leonard is semi-retired. His son Joel '82 will soon be taking over his practice. Leonard has traveled to Bermuda and California.

Ira Schwartz '53: Groton, CT; is now the proud grandfather of twins. Ira is a National Board practical examiner and is the Chairman of the Northeast Vision Conference.

Joseph Sica '54: Covington, LA; spent last summer in Florida and is a very active outdoorsman.

1960's

Andrew Portoghese '60: Hilton Head, SC;retired and moved to Hilton Head, SC. Andrew spends his days jogging, golfing and traveling. He has traveled to Italy and Canada. Andrew sends out an open invitation to his classmates to come visit him in Hilton Head.

Gilbert F. Sellers '60: Henderson, NC; attended the 1997 AOA Convention in St. Louis and met classmate Paul Oliver. Gilbert was the AOA-PAC representative and its key coordinator for 11 years. He was also on the AOA-PAC Board of Directors from 1987-1994. Gilbert keeps in touch with classmate Arthur Fields and Lois Martus.

Robert Weber '62: Hurley, NY; traveled to Italy in 1997.

Robert Honnors '63: Salinas, CA; shares a practice with 3 O.D.'s and an ophthalmologist in Salinas. Robert has

become TPA certified. He served 11 years on the VSP National Board including two years as Chairman. Robert traveled to Paris and Normandy in 1997.

David Housman '64: Ft. Lauderdale, FL; David has completed 30 years of private practice, specializing in contact lenses. David is also the co-founder of Eyes for Humanity, a project providing free exams and glasses for the homeless in Broward County.

Ronald Fields '65: Palm Beach, FL; retired in 1995 to Palm Beach, FL. Ronald and his wife Linda like to golf and travel.

Philip Linsky '68: Marblehead, MA; Marblehead private practice since 1965. Philip and his wife Elaine have a son Todd, and a grandson, Adam.

Philip Sioran '65: Miami, FL; practices in a variety of institutions: nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons. Philip's hobbies include photography, kayaking, and travel.

James Georgis '66: Pueblo, CO; James specializes in neurological head trauma and is a staff member at a rehabilitation hospital in Colorado Springs. James keeps in contact with classmates Bob Titelbaum '66, Paul Heyman '66, and Ted Edmonds '66.

Ronald Levitt '67: Middletown, CT; became TPA certified in CT. His daughter, Jenna has graduated from Ithaca College and is pursuing her masters in early education. Ronald and his family spent some time in Seattle and California.

Gerald G. Melore '68: Fresno, CA; President of the National Association of VA Optometrists. He and his family are thoroughly enjoying the California weather and its national parks. He and his wife are in the process of adopting a baby from China.

1970's

Charles Mullen '69: He was recently installed as the fourth president of the Illinois College of Optometry. Charles was formerly the Director of Optometry Services for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC.

1997 Alumna of the Year

President Larry Clausen with award recipients Barbara Caffery, Nancy Carlson, Glenda Denham and Alumni Association President, Lynn Wittman.

Glenda Denham received her Doctor of Optometry degree from the College in 1977. She has made 31 trips on behalf of VOSH to several countries including Thailand, Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. Locally, she has provided free eye exams and eyeglasses to migrant workers in Colorado. Glenda is in private practice in Boulder, Colorado.

James Bannerman '71: Cleveland, OH; plans on retiring at the end of the year to Phoenix, AZ. He is looking forward to year-round outdoor activities and no more snowblowers.

Bruce Orkin '71: Fayetteville, NY; is currently in the process of becoming TPA certified in the state of NY. Bruce keeps in touch with Neil Schram '71.

John Page '71: Overland Park, KS; is presently serving a three year term on the Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Irwin Nathanson '72: Peabody, MA; celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife, Karen. Irwin has a full-time practice and is heavily involved in VT and development. He and his family vacationed in Aruba and Disneyland last summer.

Class Notes (cont.)

David Schurgin '72: Malden, MA; just completed a five-year term on the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Optometry. David is currently serving on the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education with the International Association of Boards of Examiners.

Steven Tishler '72: Mansfield Center, CT; has been in private practice for 25 years. Steven collects corvettes of all vintages, and enjoys gardening and indoor tropical plants.

John Maurillo '73: Skaneateles, NY; has a private practice. Remarried with a new baby, boy John Maurillo III (Jack). John golfs twice a week and has a place near a lake. Active member in Chamber and Lions community groups.

James Cohen '75: Cerritos, CA; owns a practice specializing in pediatrics. This year his son, Eddie will have his Bar Mitzvah, and next year their daughter, Susie will graduate from high school. James is very active in his local optometric society. He Co-authored the Second resolution on Telemedicine to pass AOA Congress this year.

Robert Doty '75

Robert Doty '75: Fair Haven, NJ; recently elected President of the New Jersey Academy of Optometry. Robert is also associated with the Mid-Atlantic Eye Center in Red Bank, NJ. He and his wife Peggy have two children, Daniel age 14, and Rob age 17.

Jeffrey Dutch '75: Belfast, ME; has been in private practice since 1975. Jeffrey has just added a part-time optometrist, Amy Marnacheck. He is on the AOA-PAC board of directors and is the NECO president elect.

Marc Epstein '75: Great Neck, NY; he and his wife Barbara celebrated their 25th anniversary in Hawaii. Marc has two sons, Scott and Brian who are in their freshman year in college and one son, Adam who just graduated from Wesleyan University. Marc recently ran into classmate Bruce Chase.

Elliot Kirstein '76: Loveland, OH; has two private practices: one specializing in primary care and the second in glaucoma. Elliot is on the CN Optometric Association Board, and the medical board of the Laser Centers of America.

Dennis Cantwell '78: Herndon, VA; has a private practice specializing in developmental optometry since 1978. He and his family vacationed in NC and Disneyworld last summer.

Catherine Kennedy '78: Burlington, MA; is busy running her vision therapy practices in Woburn and Newburyport. Catherine vacationed in Paris and Switzerland last summer. She is the Mass. State Director for College of Optometrists in Vision Development.

Stanley Koehler '78: Marblehead, MA; have two sons in Israel: Ethan and James. Daughter Elizabeth had her fifth boy this year. Son Eric is also blessed with his first child, a girl. Congratulations.

Paul Benoit '79: Amherst, MA; finds himself very busy with his practice in general and pediatric primary care. His wife, Wendy is both the office manager and practice administrator. Paul lectured last spring in Washington, DC at The National Capital Contact Lens Symposium.

1980's

Joseph Bistricer '80: New York, NY; opened a second practice with an optometrist partner. Joseph is very active in the New York State Optometric Association and Academy of Optometry.

Arthur Weinwurm '80: Boca Raton, FL; is practicing in a primary care setting that specializes in contact lenses. He and his wife Ann have 2 sons: Joshua (11) and Eric (6). Arthur keeps in contact with several classmates.

Brian Lynch '81: N. Branford, CT; has a private practice in Branford, CT. Brian keeps in touch with his classmate Bob Palozej. Brian was the past president of the Connecticut Association of Optometrists.

Brian Nichols '81: Tampa, FL; celebrated his 15th wedding anniversary with his wife last year. Brian has traveled to Europe, Asia and Africa. He has been a member of the Armed Forces Optometric Society since graduation.

James Bourgeois '82: Travis AFB, CA; Completed Psychiatry Residency in 1993. His wife, Kathleen is Psy.D. candidate at the Professional School of Psychology,

Sacramento CA. Their son, Emile is six and in the first grade.

Mark Cooney '82: San Antonio, TX; recently opened a solo practice. In January, Mark went on a Medical and Gospel Missionary Trip. He notes it was an amazing journey that has changed his life. Brian and his wife have 6 children.

Donald Higgins '82: Farmington, CT; has been in private practice for 15 years. Donald was a member of the legislative committee that passed the Connecticut TPA bill. He has two teenage daughters: Tiffany (13) and Stephanie (15).

Ira Hanlon '83: Union, NJ; opened a private practice one year ago. Ira and his wife Mary have twin daughters, Laura and Megan (12).

Ned Wakin '83: Roswell, GA; is the Director of Vision Rehabilitation Service at Emory University Eye Center and an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology. Ned works with Leonard Achiron '86, Susan Primo '85 and Fuly Anderson.

Gary Galante '84: Glen Cove, NY; has a solo practice in his hometown, Glen Cove, NY. Gary is married with two children: Juliana (6) and John (4).

John Lunnen '84: Federal Way, WA; opened a new office in 1996.

Brian Lambert '85: New Brighton, PA; has two solo offices, and is affiliated with the Allsight Laser Center. Brian announces that both classmates Pete Moresi and Rick Socash are alive and well.

David Sendrowski '85: Fullerton, CA; has a private practice with his wife Dr. Lori Floyd. David is also an associate professor at Southern California College of Optometry. He received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1997.

Denise Wilcox '85: Doylestown, PA; works part-time as a Low Vision specialist at four locations: Doylestown, Narristown, Bethlehem and Levittown, PA. Member of AOA, POA and Buck-Mont Optometric Association.

Jacquelyn Wyman '85: Higley, AZ vacationed last summer in France and is a member of the Central Atizona Optometric Association.

1997 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Barbara Caffery and Paulette Turco.

Barbara Caffery '77
Excerpt from Dr. Caffery's Keynote Address, titled *20 Minutes on 20/20 at the End of The Twentieth Century*, delivered at the Continuing Education Weekend, Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, on October 25, 1997.

"Vision is a scary and mysterious business to most people. How can we not feel rewarded for the somewhat simple task of allaying the secret fears of the myope who believes that their prescription will keep changing until no one can make a lens strong enough or the dry eye patient who thinks that sore eyes lead to blindness? What patient does not appreciate the perspective of their doctor when explaining the plight of parents and grandparents who can no longer read their beloved newspaper or Bible and have become crabby and dependent because of their vision loss. And what mother does not need the reassurance that their child will learn to read despite the turned eye or misplaced and twisted letters on the page. This is the role in which we star. This is our tradition."

For a copy of Dr. Caffery's complete address contact the Alumni Office at 617/236-6285.

Class Notes (cont.)

1997 Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Nancy Carlson '77

Nancy Carlson received her Doctor of Optometry degree from the College in 1977. She is currently Chief of Staff at The New England Eye Institute. Nancy has taught at the College for 20 years and has published extensively. Nancy takes an active role across a broad spectrum of College programs and committees, and community services including membership on ASCO's Task Force for Americans with Disabilities Act. Nancy has been a member of the Alumni Association Executive Board Since 1990.

Phyllis Liu '86: Woodbridge, CT; Phyllis runs a behavioral optometry practice where 85% of her patients are children coming in for vision therapy. She is the assistant regional director of the college of optometrists inVision Development.

Stephen Lauritsen '86: Saco, ME; has been in private practice since 1992. Stephen works with classmate Roger Gagnon one day a week.

Rosalie Reszelbach '86: Newton, MA; is currently in the process of becoming TPA certified.

Louise DiChiara Pastore '87: Cranston, RI; is happy to announce the birth of her daughter Elena Anne, born 9/23/97. Louise is the current president of RIOA.

Jane Pentheny '87: Holbrook, MA; traveled with classmate Jenifer Ambler, three dentists and six assistants to El Salvador to provide free vision and dental care.

Chip Stine '87: Middleburg, VA; Chip and his wife Mary are celebrating the birth of their first child, Taylor, born on October 23. Chip is currently practicing in his hometown, and sends a special hello to all his classmates.

Behnam Cohen- Mehr '88: Kings Point, NY; has been married since 1992 and has a 3 year-old daughter.

Liz Ryan '88: Enfield, CT; has an 8 month old daughter, Emily. Liz is the Director of Optometry for a new company that provides medical care to extended care facilities.

Vivi Shahin-Fretland '88: Merritt Island, FL; has been in private practice for five years. Vivi is married and has a 2 year-old son, Erik. She keeps in touch with classmate Eva Wang.

Barry Kowalik '89: Lexington, KY; he and wife Denise bought land on Herrington Lake in Lancaster, KY. They will begin construction of their new home this spring.

Kathryn Richards-Beveridge '89: Orono, ME; is working part-time and is the mother of two boys, William (5) and Alec (16 months).

Ann Slocum Edmonds '89: Portland, OR; practices in Portland and is an assistant adjunct professor at Pacific University. Ann is the vice president of VOSH International and the president of VOSH Oregon.

1990's

Laraine Viviani '91: Melville, NY; had a baby girl, Danielle Katherine, born on 4/5/97. Laraine is a working mom and still in partnership with her father. They plan on expanding their office to accommodate additional personnel and patients.

Peter Bird '92: Webster, NY; he and wife Beth celebrated the birth of their second child, Davis Allen. Their first child, Justin is going on 3.

Nanette Stirpe '92: Shoreham, NY; moved into their new home built in Eastern Long Island near the ocean.

Patrick Stone '92: West Lawn, PA; married Elizabeth Harris '93 on the beach in North Hampton, New Hampshire on July 3, 1997.

Michael Veliky '92: Wayne, NJ; he and wife Jackie are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Joseph born on 9/9/97. Michael is the center director of OMNI Eye Services in Rochelle Park, NJ.

Alan Glazier '93: Rockville, MD; has a solo practice in the Washington, DC suburbs. Alan is active in Maryland's Optometric Association TPA Bill Amplification. He also received a patent pending status on a new treatment to enhance surface qualities of RGP lenses.

Elizabeth Harris-Stone '93: West Lawn, PA; married Patrick Stone '92 on July 3, 1997. Elizabeth practices as an associate at Shillington Eye Associates and works part-time for a retinal specialist.

Jeanette Jezick '93: Hebron, CT; purchased a practice in Gales Ferry, CT during the summer. Jeanette also maintains her associate position, working with David '86 and Robert Palozej '81.

Jennifer Stroh '93: S. Windsor, CT; has been married to Mick Dunn for three years. Jennifer is currently working for an ophthalmologist who specializes in cataract surgery. She is a member of the Public Relations Committee for the Connecticut Association of Optometrists.

Helen Bell-Necevski '94: Winslow, ME; is the director of low vision services and contact lenses in the largest ophthalmology practice in Maine. Helen and husband, Zlatko have a baby girl, Mikhaila, born on March 2, 1997.

Pauline Kolker-Buck '94: Miami Beach, FL; has been married since July 1995 and gave birth last year to a baby girl, Jacqueline.

Jane DeGrasses '95: Irving, TX; recently relocated to Texas where she is practicing optometry as an independent and working for the National Cheerleaders Association of Dallas.

Daniel Jandreau '95: Delmar, NY; married Stacy Jo two years ago. Stacy is finishing her last year of medical residency at the Albany Medical Center and Daniel is working for Kaiser Permanente HMO group.

Frederick Moffa '95: Granby, CT; Since marrying Jennifer in 1994 the Moffas have had two children: daughter, Jamie and son, Frederick. He keeps in touch with classmates Pete Rogaski and Don Costello, and golfed this fall with Dan Jandreau in the Dr. Foster Namias Golf Tournament. "I won the Long Drive Contest!"

Andrew Berger '96: Silver Spring, MD; is a staff optometrist at Kaiser Permanente HMO in Kensington, MD. Andrew and wife Susan welcomed their new baby girl, Samantha Jaclyn, born 9/6/97. They also have a 2 year old son, Adam. Andrew is active in the Maryland Optometric Association.

Dorothy Hitchmoth-Adams '96: Georges Mills, NH; has been working as the director of Eye Services W.R.J. VA since 1996. Dorothy plans on opening a part-time private practice in New London, NH this spring.

Corrine Como '97: Califon, NJ; has joined a group practice in NJ with five offices.

Joseph Constable '97: North Pole, AK; is working at the Bassett Army Hospital in Alaska. Joseph announces that he is engaged and he likes to fish and hunt during his free time.

Charles R. Descheneaux '97: Quincy, MA; he and wife, Gina are celebrating the birth of their son, Andrew Charles, born 10-8-97. Charles is completing his residency at the Brockton-VAMC.

Patty Haller '97: Chillicothe, OH; recently purchased an existing practice.

John Sandbower '97: Tucson, AZ; is currently in residency at the VA Medical Center in Arizona.

Robin Segal '97: Moorestown, NJ; is happy to announce her engagement to Brian Kugel. Robin and Brian met at the Newport Naval Hospital during Robin's rotation.

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May 1-3	**NECO Congress**	**Providence, RI**	**55 Hrs.**
May 27-29	**Laser Certification**	**NEWENCO**	**15 Hrs.**
June 17	**Practice Management**	**NEWENCO**	**3 Hrs.**
August 12	**Practice Management**	**NEWENCO**	**3 Hrs.**
September 20	**Retina Update**	**NEWENCO**	**6 Hrs.**
October 24 & 25	**Alumni Weekend**	**Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA**	**10 Hrs.**
	Featured Speakers: Siret Jaanus, Ph.D. Jimmy Bartlett, O.D.		
November 18	**Glaucoma Update**	**Marlboro, MA**	**6 Hrs.**
December 10-14	Annual Academy of Optometry	San Francisco, CA	

Center for Continuing Education reserves the right to change or cancel programs.

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Fifteenth Annual Anterior Segment Symposium Named "Best Small CE Meeting in the U.S.A"

The Fifteenth Annual Baypoint Anterior Segment Symposium is scheduled for September 25-27, 1998, in Panama City Beach, Florida. The Symposium, presented by The Bay Point Anterior Segment Symposium, Inc. and Nova Southeastern College of Optometry generally attracts over 200 physicians and 50 technicians and opticians. The three day Symposium includes one day on contact lens and corneal science, one day on glaucoma & pharmacology, and one day on ophthalmic management strategies.

Optics circa 1930.

Drs. Joseph F. Molinari '74 and Joseph L. Rowey '74, organizers of the Symposium, have committed 50 percent of all registration fees from New England optometrists to be donated to the John Asarkof '32 Scholarship Fund. Drs. Molinari and Rowey were both students and friends of the late Dr. Asarkof. In addition to supporting the Asarkof Scholarship Fund, the Symposium will also present professional and research awards in memory of former professors John Asarkof and John Carter.

Alumni are encouraged to attend this event, which has been rated "Best Small C.E. Meeting in the USA." Registration for the event is $250 before May, 1998. The symposium will provide a minimum of 16 hours of continuing education.

For additional information on the 15th Annual Anterior Segment Symposium call 1-800-875-0145 or 800-757-3823.

Refuge for Snowbirds: The Florida Retired Optometrists Association

"Members of the Florida Retired Optometrists Association invite retired optometrists to join them for social, educational and charitable activities" according to **Irving F. Glasser** '48, Director of Professional Relations. The association provides a collegial and productive environment for retired optometrists who wish to continue to contribute to the profession.

Murray Pachman '61, and **Murray Rapoport** '41 are the current President and First Vice President respectively. Both men bring a wealth of experience to the group. Dr. Pachman is a former president of the New York State Optometric Association and Dr. Rapoport is a former president of the Connecticut Optometric Association. Dr. Glasser looks forward to 1998 as a banner year for the organization.

For more information, call Dr. Glasser at 954-962-6437.

Career Services

The Alumni Office is currently compiling information on optometric job opportunities throughout the United States in preparation for the graduates of the Class of 1998. If there is an opening in your practice, you can list it with the Alumni Office for distribution to upcoming graduates and alumni.

To list an optometric job opportunity mail it care of the Alumni Office to the College, fax 617/424-9202 or e-mail to woodsl@ne-optometry.edu. For additional information on Career Services at the College, please call the Alumni Office at 617/236-6285.

Correction: In our last edition of *Perspective*, we neglected to honor Joseph Y. Bistricer '80 as a lifetime Alumni Association member. We regret the omission.

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Report of Gifts

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Upcoming Optometric Events in 1998

February 6-9	*Vision Science and Its Applications Meeting* Look for presentations from: Drs. Nancy Coletta, Jim Comerford, Jane Gwiazda, Chair of the Technical Program Committee, Frank Thorn and David Troilo	Sante Fe, NM
February 18	*Alumni Association Board Meeting*	Boston, MA
February 25-March 1	*Southern Educational Congress of Optometry*	Atlanta, GA
February 27	*College Reception* 7:30-9:00 PM	Dunwoody Room Hyatt Regency Atlanta, GA
March 26-29	*Vision Expo*	New York City, NY
May 1-3	*New England Council of Optometrists Congress* Look for College booth #616	Providence, RI
June 24-28	*American Optometric Association Congress*	Orlando, FL
June 26	*College Reception* 7:00-8:30 PM	Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel Oceanic 6 Orlando, FL
September 28 *(tentative)*	*The 15th Annual Dr. Foster Namias Golf Tournament*	Marlboro Country Club Marlboro, MA
September 25-27	*Annual Bay Point Anterior Segment Symposium*	Panama City Beach, FL
October 23-25	*Alumni Weekend and Alumni Association Annual Meeting*	Copley Plaza Hotel Boston, MA
October 24	*Celebration to Honor Dr. Kamens* Evening	The College Boston, MA
December 10-14	*American Academy of Optometry* *College Reception, to be announced*	San Francisco, CA

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